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椎名軽穂

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**CRAZY
FOR YOU**

CRAZY FOR YOU ②

KARUHO SHIINA
しいなかるほ
椎名軽穂

For more story details, please get **CRAZY FOR YOU • VOLUME 1**, currently on sale and getting rave reviews! ♥

STORY RECAP

Sachi Takemura is a 17-year-old high school girl who has never had a boyfriend. She's searching for a love that will forever change the everyday life she has of making others look better. Then one day, her best friend Akemi, who has a boyfriend, set up a matchmaking party where Sachi fell in love with Yuki-chan who she just met for the first time! However, Akemi was seriously opposed to her love interest and Yuki-chan himself said to her, "It just can't be you, Sa-chan." Yet the more Sachi came to know him, the more her love for him grew. Aware of Sachi's feelings, Yuki-chan confessed to her, "I'm sorry. I have one. Someone I really like." And when Sachi and her friends, including Yusei, went the next day to check up on Yuki-chan who was in bed with a cold, they stumbled upon Akemi and Yuki-chan kissing! Being Akemi's boyfriend, Yusei flipped out and swung his fist at Yuki-chan, but Sachi protected Yuki-chan and took the punch instead.



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FOR
YOU

②

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You two
should
go back
home, too.



Ah.
Hey,
you.
What's
her
address?

Oh,
and...



It's
impossible
for you
to think
clearly
now.

You've
got a fever,
don't you?



Stick
another
on her
forehead.



Take out
the cooling
pad she
bought, from
that bag
over there.





IF THINGS GET HARD...





Yuukai

...JUST CALL,
AND I'LL RUN TO
WHERE YOU ARE.



DRIP



One
sick
person
...

...went to
check up on
another sick
person. No
wonder this
kind of thing
happened.



You've
done your
best.

.....

I'LL BE...



...WITH YOU
RIGHT AWAY!



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Helllooooo! How are you?
I'm Shina.

Well, I guess it's Volume 2... I've only read of such things, but Volume 2...

While I was working on Volume 1, I was lazily thinking to myself, Ahh, when this volume is released, the series will have ended, too. I never imagined I'd still be working on a series.

Then, I noticed that the development of the story that I had thought up was gradually changing...

What will this manga turn out to be like...?

Scary!

Day-to-day life is full of dangers!

I caught myself in my own trap!

Hope you get to read Volume 1, too. I'd be really happy if you did!

Sorry that it's not the least bit heartwarming. Sorry, sorry, really sorry!



An, are you awake?



How are you feeling?



IT WASN'T A DREAM?

Akashoshi

Especially with that face.

It's OK if you don't go to school today.

Well, your face before it was injured wasn't that great either...



A boy with slanted eyes and black hair carried you home on his back.

We sure to thank him later.

Just that that.



I can taste blood!

What about it then?

Hmm, your fever has gone down.

Anyway, you really are a foolish girl. Running into a pole like that...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
SEE IT.

WHEN I
WAKE UP...

YUKI-CHAN
KISSING
SOMEONE.

...JUST
A DREAM
AND
LAUGH
IT OFF.

...I'LL
PRETEND
THAT
EVERYTHING
WAS...

...have done
something
truly
unforgivable!

I...!
NO! I...

You're
Sach's
friend.

Excuse
me!

AND THAT IT
WAS AKEMI WHO
HE WAS KISSING.

Yuuhei!
Yuuhei,
come in!

...
caused
by m-

Your
daughter's
injuries
were...

Wah!!

Don't
make
things
complicated



No,
I mean...
Please
kill me!

Please
hit me!



But, I also
didn't want
Yuki-chan
to get hit.

It was my
choice,
and it
turned out
like this.



There was
no way I
could stop
you then,
Yuhei.



I won't be
satisfied
otherwise!

Please,
Sa-chan!

Th-
That'll
be a prob-
lem
...



But instead,
I ended up
seriously punching
Sa-chan who
was innocent
in all this.

...tried
to hit Yuki
who had
a fever.



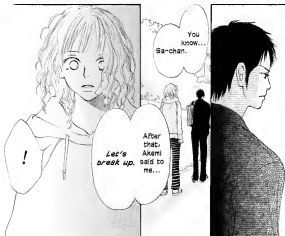
I...



This
injury...

...is
probably my
punishment
for letting
myself into
his room.

FAILURE AS A MAN...



Neither
Akemi
...

But, I'm
not mature
enough to
be able to
forgive him.

Akemi is
the one I
love most in
the world.

All
this
time
...

Maybe
it was
my fault.

Maybe
Akemi
...

... never
actually
loved me.

Was it
Yuki that
she
actually
loved?

All
this
time
...

I know
that Yuki's
a good guy.

...not
Yuki.

ALL THIS TIME...

YUKI-CHAN COULDN'T
FORGET AKEMI.

AND AKEMI BROKE UP WITH YUKI-CHAN.

...THAT THOSE
TWO WILL START
DATING EACH
OTHER FROM
NOW ON.

THIS...

...PROBABLY MEANS...

BUT...

AND WHY
HE SAID, IT
JUST CAN'T
BE YOU,
SA-CHAN.

THAT'S
PROBABLY
WHY SHE
SAID, YOU'D
BETTER
GIVE UP
ON YUKI!

Morn-
ing.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH I
THINK ABOUT IT,
OR IMAGINE IT
BY MYSELF...

Um!

...!

Akemi
...

I heard
from
Yusuke...

...that you
told him,
Let's
break up.

...IT'S BETTER
FOR ME TO
ASK UPFRONT.

THERE'S
NO WAY
TO KNOW
HOW
SOMEONE
FEELS INSIDE.



...because you liked Yuki?

Was it because Yuki-chan is a womanizer?

Why did you say, You'd better give up on Yuki?

Or was it...

Because he would make me cry?



You're wrong!

You've actually always ...

About Yuki-chan ...

...because you liked Yuki-chan...?

...been playing around with girls since middle school!

Yuki has...







Why are
you lying?

That's
a lie.

I...

Did
you talk
to Yuki-
chan
...?

As if
I'd do
that.

Tell me,
Akemi...

How can
you kiss
someone
you never
thought
you liked?

You even
kissed him.

After
that...

...want
to know
what
you're
thinking,
Akemi.

Why
...?

So
there's
nothing for
us to talk
about.

I don't
like Yuki.



Stupid Akemi!

I'M MAD.

PIE
PIE
PIE

Sachi!

...then
I'll start to
think that you
were also lying
when you told me
that you were
worried
about me!

If you're
lying about
this....



I ALSO LIKE AKEMI.

I LIKE YUKI-CHAN, BUT...



Thank you
for the
other day.

This is to
express my
gratitude
...

PIE, PIE.

PIE, PIE.

Did you
get caught
in *another*
fight or
something?

What?



You look
horrible.

Hey.

THAT'S WHY
I WANTED TO
HAVE A HEART-
TO-HEART TALK
WITH HER.



Thanks
for
covering
for me
with my
parents.

And,
um...

to
thank
you.

Ah...

That was
because of
your mother.

I was kinda
prepared
to get hit.



No, um...
Thank you
so much,
Akahoshi.

Grati-
tude? What
kind of a gift
is this?!

What
about?

I was
heavy,
wasn't I?

Super
heavy.



A
real
heavy
gift.

Oh
...

Good.
What did
this kid
run into
this time?

I found
out how
much you
should get
yourself
back.

Before
I could
say
anything
...



.....



Thank
you...

.....



He said
that his
fever
went down.



Yuki...

...came
to school
today.



Isn't that a text message?

And I bet Yuki is too ashamed to face him.

He didn't talk with Yuuhei at all.



Yeah...



I thought a fight would break out, but I guess Yuuhei also feels kinda guilty.



...have to go.



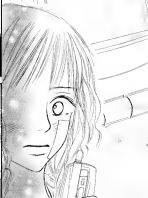
Is it from YUKI?

Yeah.

I...



Do you know what he's going to say to you?



That
time...

Hey!
Wait up!

Sorry!

Thanks
...

Aka-
hochi!

It doesn't
matter.

I still
have
to go!

...I'll
take
Se-chen
back
home!

Yuki
said...

...he
wasn't
worried
about
Yuuhai!...

...or
Hochi.

He was
worried
about you!

Even
though
he had
a fever...

THAT TIME...

I TOLD
HER TO
COME BACK
TO ME.

HE SAID IT
FRANKLY AND
HONESTLY.

TO YUUKI,
TO AKEMI...

TO ME...

Thanks
for your
hard
work.

IT MUST'VE BEEN
THE MOST HONEST
REPLY, YUKI-CHAN
COULD GIVE.

YUKI-CHAN...

Sa-
chan...





You
really...

...came
running
to me...



I told
you that
I'd...

...go see
you after
I was done
with work.



...Instead
of you,
Sa-chan...

It would've
been way
better if
I had
gotten
his...



Way,
way
better...





ACTUALLY...



DEFINITELY...

THAT'S
DEFINITELY
HOW IT WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE.



NOT KNOWING
ANYTHING...
JUST
HAVING FUN...

Are
you
cold?

Nope.

I'm
Fine.



TH-
THUMP

During
middle
school...

Even though
she was
weak, she'd
act strong.

She
was kinda
like me.



...that
I seriously
liked.

There
was
someone
...

I thought
that she loved
me, too.

Akemi was
the most
important
person to me.
I wanted to
treasure her.

That
girl was
Akemi.

I CAN'T GO OUT
WITH YOU, YUKI.

...the things
that I did, and
thoughts were
normal, only
made her worry.

But...

...THAT
I'M
FINE AS
LONG
AS I
HAVE
YOU!

DIDN'T I SAY...

WHEN DID
I GET OTHER
GIRLS'
HOPES UP?

YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM
GETTING OTHER GIRLS'
HOPES UP BESIDES MINE.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT
JUST HAVING ME WILL
BE ENOUGH FOR YOU.





It was
so spicy
Akemi.

She
looks
easy to
seduce.

It's
Akemi's
friend.

The ones
I call
cute...



...could
be anyone.

Sa-chan...



But you said, *it just can't be you.*

Sa-chan.

You can easily seduce me, you know?!

Why...?

You said, *You're the only one I can't be with.*



...I'd feel so guilty that I could die.

If I put my hands on a good girl like you...

I'd feel guilty if I put my hands on you.



...never lie
to me.

You'd
definitely...

...THAT IT'S OK
TO DECEIVE ME

That's
why...

...I won't
lie to you
either,
anymore.



EVEN THOUGH
I SAID...

THAT'S RIGHT...

I DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN
AKEMI LIED TO ME.



Yeah
...



...our
friendship
is over.

I
guess
this
means
...

THAT'S
BECAUSE
WE'RE
FRIENDS.



I'M GLAD
I GOT TO
MEET YOU,
SA-CHAN.

IF IT WAS
SOME OTHER
GIRL, WOULD
YOU STILL
HAVE BEEN
FRIENDS
WITH HER?

.....
Was it
really only
out of
spite?!

...really
a lie?

Was
everything
...

Even
now...
...I still
feel the
same as
the first
time
we met.



I wouldn't
have said it
if I didn't
think so.

I thought
so when
I first
met you.

And
during
the
Fireworks
Festival,
too.

YUKI-CHAN...



I really
thought
...

...that
you were
cute.

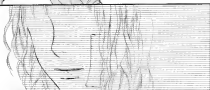
*Love
triangle...*

*Bad
luck
with
men...*

.....

...the
fortune-
teller
was
right.

I
guess
...



You don't
know how
I was rescued
by your words.

...never
had a guy
call me
cute before.

I...

You
didn't
know,
did you?

But...

LISTEN.

PLEASE.

No matter
what you
think...

Even if
you like
Akemi....

No matter
how anyone
feels...

You didn't
know,
did you?!

I don't
have bad luck
with men.

...It has
nothing to do
with that.

I'M
BEGGING
YOU,
YUKI-CHAN.



Meeting you
was the luckiest
thing in
my seventeen
years of life.

I like you...

...Yuki-chan.



.....



This time
I was able
to clearly...



...and directly
tell you...



THAT'S WHY...



...WE CAN NO
LONGER BE FRIENDS.



THE
FIREWORKS...

THE RAIN...



THE DARKNESS
OF THE NIGHT...



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Hey, YUKI.

AS LONG
AS YUKI-
CHAN IS
THERE...

...
EVERYTHING
TAKES
ON A
DIFFERENT
COLOR.



My friends...

...and the girl I like.



They're all gone, huh.



She said,
We can no longer be friends.



You don't want her?

Takamura.



Even the girl who said it's OK to be friends.



THE SURROUNDINGS
I HAD NEVER SEEN...

...UNTIL I MET HIM...

If you
don't want
her, then I'll
take her.

ALL THIS TIME...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
I'VE KNOWN FEELINGS
SUCH AS THESE IN MY
SEVENTEEN YEARS.

...I'VE WANTED TO SAY
THOSE FEW WORDS.



EVEN IF...

EVEN IF MY
FEELINGS ENDED
UP COMPLETELY
EXPOSED.

IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO ME TO TELL
YUKI-CHAN DIRECTLY.



...THE ONE HE
LIKES ISN'T ME.





Does that have anything to do with the awkwardness between you two?

It's causing a really uncomfortable feeling in the classroom, you know.

What...?

It's causing a really uncomfortable feeling in the classroom, you know.

Akemi and Yuuhei made a scene in front of the school gate.

So? Does it have anything to do with this morning or not?

**SHE'S
RIGHT.**

Aken!

Akan!

I'LL LOSE
MY CHANCE,
IF THINGS
REMAIN
UNSETTLED.

THE WAY THINGS
ARE GOING, WE
MIGHT NEVER
TALK TO EACH
OTHER AGAIN.

It'd be better to talk things out quickly.

Even if it's a petty fight, it will only get more awkward as time goes by.



...angry
with me,
Sachiko?

Aren't
you...

I'D HATE THAT.



But,
somehow...
I just don't
get it!



There's
no way
you
wouldn't
be angry.



I was
shocked.



I told
Yuki-
chan....

...that
I like
him.



I'm very
clear about
my feelings.



What
about
you?

My
feelings
...



It has
nothing to
do with
everyone
else.

I did it
because I
wanted to.



So if it's
convenient
for you,
there's
nothing
you can
do about
it right?!

Everything
I do is just
for my own
convenience.

You
know...

...I'm the
one who's
confused
the most.



It's
because
you hid
your own
feelings
that
things got
mess'd up.

Seri-
ously
...

From
the
start...

...was only
because of
your attitude
towards me.

...the
reason
I was
angry
with
you...

It's not
something
you have
to hide.





Please ...

.....

...give me some time to think.

Yeah.

It's annoying leaving things like this. So if you're planning to break off our friendship...

That said...

...I'll get really angry.

...I'M SURE THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

BUT...

...IF YOU LIE TO YOURSELF...

OK.

EVERY-ONE...

...HAS THEIR OWN FEELINGS.

Sachi!

.....



Hey,
Yuki!



Take
that
to the
other
side.

OK!



What
about you,
Sachi?

What will
you do
now after
confessing?

I...





I...



THERE'S ONLY
ONE PLACE
I WANT TO GO.



I
wanted....

...so
see you!



I WANTED
TO SEE HIM.

Does
...

Does it
bother
you?

I WANTED...

...TO HEAR
HIS VOICE.



...bother
me.

It
doesn't...



It's this
coming
Sunday.

たこ
やき

たこやき
2-8

TAKOYAKI
2-8

BEING
TREATED
KINDLY...

...THEN
I'LL TAKE
HER.



IF YOU
DON'T
WANT
HER...



Thanks!

...MAKES
ME HAPPY
AFTER ALL!



What is
Takamura to
you, YUKI?



You knew
that you
can't be
friends
with girls.

Don't save
it the wrong
way. I'm not
blaming you.
It's just
a simple
question.



AND
THEN...

...WHEN
HE SMILED
AT ME...

Were you
just happy
for being
liked?



...REALLY
HAPPY.



...IT MADE
ME
REALLY...



In an extra story that I drew in a one-shot before, regarding the photocopier I wrote: *I'm persistently being told, it's so handy! It's so handy!*

On my way back from the convenience store, I idly thought: Now that I think about it, they haven't been saying, *it's so handy! It's so handy!* anymore.

Then, suddenly, during work the other day...



I'm sorry, so sorry, for changing my attitude so quickly!





CRAZY FOR YOU ②





...I want
you to come
to see me!

Yuki
will be
there,
but...

How can
I face
anyone
after all
that's
happened?

I don't
care what
kind of face
you put on!



ONCE
I SEE HIS
FACE...



I'm
not
going.

What
about
you,
Akemi?

What?
School
Festival?

I
want
to
go!

...I'LL
START
WANTING TO
SEE IT MORE.



Whoa!
It
really
suits
you!

...YUKI-CHAN
WILL SMILE AT
ME AGAIN.

I WONDER
IF...

HA HA
It suits you!
It suits you!
It looks like
a Festival!

.....

SO COOL!

IT'S A
DIFFERENT
LOOK THAN
USUAL!

IT'S...



CRAZY FOR YOU ②







QUICKLY SITTING





WHERE HE
LOOKS
OUT THE
WINDOW...

THIS IS
WHERE...

...HE TAKES
HIS LESSONS...

AH!
He scribbled
on his
desk!



WHOA...

THIS IS
THE VIEW
FROM
YUKI-
CHAN'S
EYES...



AND I'M
SURE I
WOULD'VE
FALLEN FOR
YUKI-CHAN.

IF WE WERE IN
THE SAME SCHOOL,
WE MIGHT'VE BECOME
CLASSMATES.





I
doubt
it.

We'll
be there
the whole
time.

Yuki-chan
should be
done soon.



It's more
convenient
for me
this way.

It'd be
annoying
if I ran into
some girl
I know.

If he's not
there, the
sales and the
taste will
go downhill.

What?
Why?



Oh,
yeah.



Yeah,
well.

...don't
you have
things to
do?!

We've
been
hanging
out all
this time,
but...



No matter what you say...



Thanks.



...I already know that you're a good person.



It's because it's *convenient*!



I always end up causing you trouble.



Yuki-
chan's
still at the
takoyaki
stand.

What do
you want
to do? I'm
thinking
about going
home soon.

You can
go home if
you want.

Got it.



...in
Yuki-
chan's
class-
room.

Oh,
I'm...

Sachi.
It's me.
Where
are
you now?

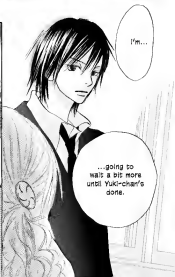


You say
I'm a
good
person
P



OK.

I'm going
to go check
on him
for a bit.



I'm...

...going to
wait a bit more
until Yuki-chan's
done.



Sorry
to burst
your bubble,
but...



...I'm not
as nice a
guy as
you think.

CRAZY FOR YOU ②







Saying,
I like you
or *You're*
cute...

Like I
thought.

Things like
emotions
do nothing
but get in
the way.

If I didn't
think like that,
things wouldn't
have ended
up this way.



But...

Sa-chan...

...she
smiled
at me.





.....

I don't
know
what
to do.



Even
though
she knows
that I like
Akemi...

...and that
I'm the worst,
and a quitter...

To say
something like,
*You're a good
friend, to
someone of the
opposite sex...*

...is a lie.





A man
can only
be a man.

A woman
can only be
a woman.

Even if they
have a mate.



From the
beginning, it's
impossible...





Friendship
between men
and women.

Yuki...

Choosing
friendship
over love...



A man
meets a
woman...



The reason
he wants to
stay by her
side is
because...



I...

...think
that both
Yuhel and
Akahoshi
are good
people.



Do you
also think...

...that's
a lie?

You're
not
getting it
at all.

It's
convenient
...

FLATTER
#9

It makes
no
difference
...

!!
GRAB





*...or because
he likes her.*







...OR BECAUSE
HE LIKES HER...

CLATTER

AkahoshiP!

It would have
been much better
if she had gone
out with Akahoshi.

IT'S CONVENIENT...

CRAZY FOR YOU ②





Is
that
it?





Didn't
I mention
two
others?

Stupid!

Don't be
conceited!



But, it's bad
to do this
kinda thing!



I see.
You're
right.



Would you
be fine
with it...

...If I
seriously
liked you?



This kind
of thing...

You should
do it with
someone you
seriously like!



Then...

...It's OK
if I *seriously*
liked you?



...it would bother me.

I like Yuki-chan, so...



I guess it's different.



...did this do you. It'd bother you right?

If someone who you thought was a *good person*...



Can you say he wouldn't?

That's... What?



It's the same with Yuuhei, isn't it?

If he was comforted by you during a difficult time, he might start to waver for all you know.



...ended up
betraying you
and Yuukai.

Even Hotta,
who you thought
was a *good*
person...



You say
you're going
to do
whatever
you want...

...and say
that you still
love Yuki
despite all
that's happened.

You don't
have the
nerve to
cut things
off with
Hotta...

You're
too naïve.



While writing about this and that, I started to get really hungry.

Oh, right... I've recently noticed that I'm much more gluttonous than I thought I was.

I mean, people often say things like, *Karaoke likes food*, or *You're someone who's lured by food*, aren't you?



But when I seriously thought about it, I realized...



...searching for a way for everyone to avoid getting hurt.

Somewhere in your mind, you're still...





...I'll fall
apart.

If I
stay with
you...



I'm
sure
it'll
only
be...

...about
me...

I
won't
be
about
you.

...I'll
still be
worrying
all the
time.

Even if
you tell me
that I'm the
only one
you like...

What the
future would
be like
with you...

Worrying
about a
lot of
things.



I'm saying
that it's OK
with me, even
if you're
deceitful!

I
already
...
know
about
that..

Much more
than you
are, Yuki.

I'm a
deceitful
person.



I didn't...

...want
to see you
anymore,
Yuki.



If we
had
met...

...I wouldn't
have had the
confidence
to hold back
my feelings.

... I knew...
that I
shouldn't.

I knew
it all.

That
the
future
was
unfore-
seeable.

...that
I didn't
think
about
you,
Yuki.

There
wasn't
a single
day...





That's
why...

...even
if I'm
being
naïve...

...I also
want to
be happy.

And
within
all
that...



I just
want to
do what
I can!

...I don't
want to lie
to anyone!



You might
end up digging
your own grave.

.....



Yeah!



Do you
still plan to
go and get
rejected?



...have
a chance
with Yuki.

You
don't...



↳ TAP /



IT MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE....

Then, go.

WHEN PEOPLE
GET THEIR HOPES
UP ABOUT ME,
IT'S DELIBERATE
ON MY PART.





Yuuhei...

We'll really
lose them.



L...



...and
Sachi.

Think
about it
carefully.

Think
about it.



I DON'T WANT
TO LIE.

Is it
really
true...

...that you
don't want
anything
else besides
me?



BUT...

...consider
it carefully
without
running away.

I'll
also...

THE THOUGHTS
THAT I HAVE NOW...

I WANT TO TRY
MY BEST TO
EXPRESS THEM
IN MY ACTIONS.



Sa-chan!

Yuu...!

Yuuha!
...

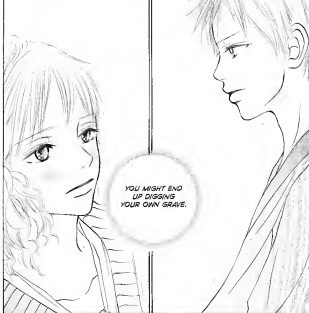
...THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN THAT
I DON'T FEEL
UNEASY.

She's here!

Akami?

Have you
seen Akami?!





YOU MIGHT END
UP DIGGING
YOUR OWN GRAVE.



IN THE
END...

...I DIDN'T GET
TO SEE YUKI-
CHAN AGAIN
THAT DAY.

THE
THE



THUMP



...



THUMP

Where are you going?



THUMP



If you're heading to the convenience store, buy some milk.

I'm going out for some fresh air.





WHAT...

I'M SURE
THAT
AKEMI...

...WENT
TO SEE
YUKI-CHAN.



Laugh!

During
times like
this, you've
gotta laugh!

Ha!



What
did they
talk
about?

I'm the
one who
encouraged
them to!

...DID THEY
TALK...



KEEP LAUGHING!

CHASE AWAY ALL
THEIR SAD FEELINGS!

Ha!

Ha!

Ha!

Ha!



Yu...

Yuki-
chanP!



Ha...

THAT WAY,
I CAN LAUGH
NO MATTER
WHAT I HEAR!



.....



Haha...



Got
some
time?

Hey,
Sa-chan.



.....
It's
strange.



Heh.
It was
loud.

It was
soft?



...Thinking
that you'd
be there.

I've gone
to that
convenience
store many
times...



I heard
someone
laughing so
hard, and it
turned out
to be you,
Sa-chan.

That
freaked
me out.

Hey!
It wasn't
that loud!

Yeah
it was.

It
was
soft.

No it
wasn't.



And when
I wasn't
expecting
to...

...I was
able to see
you there for
the first
time tonight.



...I never
saw you there
even once.

But...



Yup!

It was
really
yummy!

*Crunching
on the outside,
and soft on
the inside!*

...wasn't
my
bakoyak!
good?

At the
school festival
...





That was
extra
service!

Don't
tell
anyone!

YUKI-CHAN...



It was
actually just
supposed
to be two
octopuses in
each order.

But mine
was filled
with them!

Huh?



YUKI-CHAN
IS NICE...



Wahh!

It's the
riverside
from the
Fireworks
Festival!



...Sa-chan
was the only
one who
waited for me
to come.



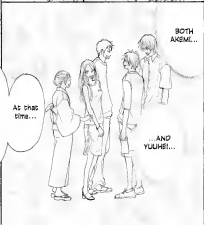
G A S P
ハッ

... there
were so
many
people...

Back
then...



We're
the only
ones here.



BOTH
AKEMI...

At that
time...

...AND
YUUKI...

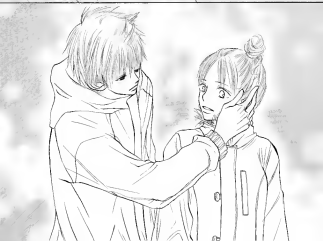


LIKE SOME
UNLIKELY HERO.

...ALWAYS
COMES
RUNNING TO
MY RESCUE.

ALWAYS...

ALWAYS...





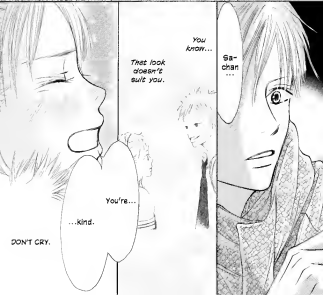
BUT HE
NEVER...

You're
cold,
aren't
you?

Sorry.



...CALCULATES
ANY OF IT.



*You
know...*

*That look
doesn't
suit you.*

Sa-
chan
...

You're....

...kind.

DON'T CRY.



When
I'm with
you-
San-chan
...

LAUGH!

You've
been kind
this whole
time.

...I
want...

...to be
kind.

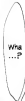
LAUGH!

THINK
ABOUT IT.

It's
probably
because
...

...you're
kind to me.

THINK
ABOUT IT
CAREFULLY.





...Sa-chan.

I like you...

This
isn't...

...going to
work out
after all.



You
shouldn't
...

...wait
any longer.

LAUGH...

But...

...you're
not the
one I like
the most.



I'm sure
of it.

...will treasure
you, Sa-chan.

The one who
makes you have
that unnatural
expression is me.

Aka-
hoshi...

SHINGO KAMADA



Why...

...are you
saying that?

LAUGH!



Why
...?



Yuki-chan,
you're...

You're the
only one who
I don't want
to hear
say that!



Don't
say...

Sorry
...

Sorry
...

Don't
apologize!

...you're
sorry...!

ON THAT NIGHT...

...WE WATCHED
THE FIREWORKS
BY THE RIVERSIDE...

NOW, ONLY
DURING THIS
MOMENT ARE WE
CLOSEST TO
EACH OTHER...



...am going
to go out
with Akemi.

I...

MY VOICE...

...SANTO PAPA
YUKI-SAN.







...HIM TO
SEE MY
CRYING FACE
ANYMORE!

I was
the one...

...who
selfishly
decided
to walk
you home.

Yuki-chan!



...you can't
tell other
girls that
they're cute!



If you're
going out
with Akemi...



Akemi
gets
worried
easily...



...or
touching
their hair
is not
allowed!

Touching
their
cheeks...



You can't
tell them
you like
them either!



Girls tend
to quickly
misunderstand
things!



Come on,
Yuki-chan!

Don't
make that
kinda face!

Sa-
chan...



Yeah
...





...For liking
an idiot
like me.



THE IDIOT...

'NEE.

.....



THE IDIOT IS ME, YUKI-CHAN.



YUKI-
CHAN...

...YOU SAID,
I LIKE YOU.
I GOT MY
HOPES UP.



THE MOMENT...



ALTHOUGH YOU REQUESTED
ME SO MANY TIMES



ALTHOUGH I KNOW HOW YOU FELT.





Don't
look back!

BUT I...



I LOVED IT.

...LIKED THAT
PART OF YOU.

I LIKED THAT PART
OF YOU THAT COULDN'T
LIE AND COULDN'T SMOOTH
THINGS OVER WELL.



I
DECIDED
LAST
NIGHT.

IF I SEE
AKEMI...



Mornin'!



...I'LL SMILE.



I heard from
Yuki-chan!

He said you
two decided to
go out with
each other!







Come with me for a sec!

Can you let this go for now? Please?

Yusuke ...



.....

But Akemi?

Isn't that Akemi?

You know, isn't that?



You don't have a word to say to me anymore?



I did something bad to everyone ...



This is all my fault.

Sorry, Akemi.



I...

It's not your fault.



Take your
time to
calm down
and clear
your head.

I want
you to talk
it over with
us straight-
forwardly.

Both
Yuuhel
and me...

You
know,
Akemi
...



I'll wait
until
you're
ready to talk.



Don't blame
yourself
so much.



So I just thought about this... I wonder why I'm such a disorganized person.

Even when writing columns like this, it always ends up so crowded at the end. To make matters worse, I'm slow and I'm sloppy. Even now, I dropped my ruler and just left it there. Not only that, but my dictionary also fell from the top of my desk. I ignored that too... and instead, continue to write this.

Who'd have thought that I'd turn into an adult like this. It never crossed my mind when I was a child. Ha ha ha!

The image I had of an adult woman when I was a child was someone who wore bright red lipstick and wore high heels that went clack clack clack. Now...

Ah... The tissue box just fell, too... I'll probably fall out of my chair, too.

With that said, I'll be ending it here this time.

If everyone can continue reading on to Volume 3, I'll be really happy. Thanks I advanced!

May 3, 2004
Kazuki Saito
(with some help)

Don't forget to read the next issue, 2007-10



You recommended me to her?!

Yes, yes!



How could you tell her that?!



Why? I'm not mad.

Sorry. You mad?

I just thought you were smarter than that. I guess you're surprisingly stupid.



Those
were my
true
feelings.



ORANGE

...
someone
like
Yuuhai.

A guy
who would
push
another
guy onto
a girl that
really likes
him is...

Haha.



I thought
it'd be fine if
it were you.



I don't
want her
to cry.
I want
her to
smile.

But...

...why am
I always the
one who makes
Sa-chan cry?



But, that's
what I like
about you.

You really
are stupid.

I don't want
her getting
caught up with
some strange guy.

How I'm
stupid?
Or how I'm
oblivious?

You hurt
Takamura
and yourself,
it doesn't
help the
situation.

Like me,
for example.



How you're
so caring.

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IN A DAZE

... ③



A guy who got dumped chasing around the girl who dumped him.

In the eyes of others, I must look 100% like a stalker!

Have you gone to see Akemi often?

I guess.



Don't say anything anymore, Sa-chan!

S-Sorry!

It wasn't something you should've heard from me...



Yuuhel, your tears! Wipe your tears!

Thinking about it, we were both dumped. We both really have the worst luck, Sa-chan.

SHAMEFUL TEARS

...because
I kept
pestering
her.

It
feels
like she
gradually
started to
hate
me...

...came to
the school
festival,
but not to
see me.

Akemi...

To tell
you the truth,
I'd really
hate that.

...I had
guessed
it already.

So...

...whatever
happens, I
want to hear
it clearly from
Akemi's lips.

...even if she
hates me...

But...

*I DID
SOMETHING
BAD TO
EVERYONE...*

I'd hate it
even more if
things ended
badly with Akemi
without clearly
knowing
the reasons.





I think
I'm
stupid,
too!

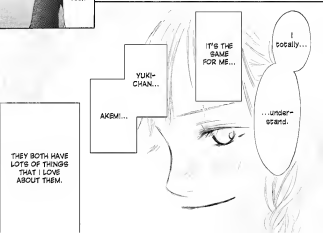
It'd be
better
if he was
a total
jackass!

I can't
forgive
him.

And
I know
he's got
a lot of
faults.

But there's
not a single
part of him
that I hate.

I
under-
stand
how you
feel.



YUKI-
CHAN...

AKEMI...

IT'S THE
SAME
FOR ME...

I
totally...

...under-
stand.

THEY BOTH HAVE
LOTS OF THINGS
THAT I LOVE
ABOUT THEM.

REMEMBER
ME!
REMEMBER
ME!
REMEMBER
ME!

I'M NOT
THE ONLY
ONE
HAVING A
HARD TIME.

BUT...

BECAUSE
I CAN'T HATE
THE TWO
OF THEM...

...IT'S PAINFUL.

Well, if I were
a woman, there's
no way I'd go
for Yuki!

It's me,
Akahoshi.
What're
you up
to now?

YUUKI'S
BEEN
TRYING
HIS BEST,
TOO.

Huh?

Yeah.

I'm with
Yuuki.

Yuuki's
there, too?

There
nothing
you could
control
that

If I were
a woman,
I'd go out
with me
for sure!



He said
he's coming
over with
Yuki-chan,
and wants
us to wait
for them.



Yeah....



Who
called
P?

Akahoshi.



...clear
things
up with
Yuki, too.

I guess
I gotta...

Is
that
so...P?



I mean,
meeting
Yuki and
falling
for him.



Hey,
Sa-chan.

Do you
think it
was all
a waste?



I don't
think it was.

I can't
think it was.

Even if
Akami didn't
like me...

It's the
same
for me.



Two
years...

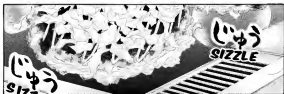


...I don't want
to think that
those two years
were a waste.

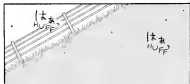
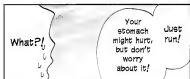


We dated
for almost
two years.











はあ
はあ
はあ

TAKAMURA?



はあ
はあ
はあ



はあ
はあ
はあ

はあ
はあ
はあ



Your
body
moves
forward
before
your feet
do.



Whoa!



A
hundred
meters?



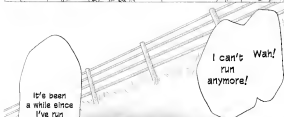
I'm
measuring
out a
hundred
meters.

What
are you
doing?



I'm really
slow at
running!

There's a
mandatory
relay during
the sports
festival.
Isn't
there?





It's
really

...been
a long
time.



When
you get
home....

...don't think
about anything
and go to sleep.



...thinking
too much
about a lot
of things.

You're
probably...



And pushing
yourself
too hard.



Is that
so?



...forcing
myself
to smile?

Was
I...

Was
I...

...pushing
myself
too hard?



You know that,
don't you
Takamura?



You smile
because
you're happy.

You smile
because
you're
having fun.



I HAD
FORGOTTEN
THAT.

Thanks,
Akahoshi.

It's
not like
I said it
for you.

Whatever.



IT'S SOMETHING
SO SIMPLE.

SOMETHING
SO OBVIOUS.

Yeah...

...I RECEIVED...

...STRENGTH...

...AND
KINDNESS...

Talos.

FROM BOTH
YUUEI...

...AND
AKAHOSHI.

It
cheered
me up!

ISN'T THERE
ANYTHING SHE
WANTS TO
TALK ABOUT?

What's your
boyfriend
like, Akemi?

AKEMI, IS THERE
ANYONE TO
CHEER YOU UP?

I only
did it
because
I wanted
to.







EVERYONE'S
BEEN
SO KIND.

THERE
ARE SO
MANY
THINGS
THAT
I CAN
ONLY
TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT.



I HAVE
SOME-
THING
THAT
I WANT
TO TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT.



I DO,
AKEMI.

I ALSO...



...FEEL LIKE
I CAN BECOME
A LITTLE MORE
HONEST
WITH MYSELF.





I'm not...
being
sarcastic...

I wanted
to...

...tell
Akemi
first.

Geeh
...!

...to
listen...

...to my
feelings!

As a
friend...

I wanted
Akemi...

How
painful
it is...

How sad
I am...



But...

...I can't
do it!

To be
honest...

...I wanted
to be the
one to make
Yuki-chan
smile...

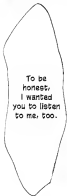


But
if it's
Akemi...

...you
can do it.

Sachi...

...you
idiot...



To be
honest,
I wanted
you to listen
to me, too.



Me, too.

CONFUSED...

I was
scared to
see him.

Very
scared.

I've
always...

...liked
Yuki.

...I would've
been
overwhelmed
by my
emotions.

I'm sure
that if we
had met...

But my
insecurities
outweighed
my feelings.

GOING WITH
THE FLOW...

I already
have...

...both
Yuuhai
and Sachi.



.....

I'm
sorry ...

CLENCH

THE AKEMI
THAT I KNEW
WAS ALWAYS...

...STABLE...

...AND GROUNDED.

Thanks,
Sachi...

I'm
sorry...!

I don't
know how
I should
face him.

Yeah,
too.

Actually,
I still don't
know what
I should do.

MANIPULATED
BY EVEN HER
OWN EMOTIONS...

I
couldn't
...

...tell
anyone
all this
time!





It wasn't
the long way
around.

DO YOU
THINK IT WAS
ALL A WASTE?

How
Yuki-chan
was at that
matchmaking
party.

How I fell
in love with
Yuki-chan.

It was
a path we
had to take.

How
I fought
with Akemi.

YUKI-CHAN'S
EMOTIONS...

...WHEN HE
WAS TALKING
ABOUT AKEMI...

You
know
Sachi

We all
took the
long way
around.
didn't we?

BUT...

...NOW
I KNOW.



SHE'S ACTUALLY
A WEAK PERSON
WHO PRETENDS
TO BE STRONG.



...we're
talking to
each other
honestly.

Because
now...

They
were all
necessary
steps.



WE WERE
ABLE...

...TO BECOME
TRUE FRIENDS FOR
THE FIRST TIME,
HUH... AKEMI...

TONIGHT...

I CAN'T
CHASE AFTER
YOU ANYMORE,
CAN I?

HEY,
YUKI-CHAN.



...WILL I HAVE...

...A HAPPY
DREAM?

A VERY...

...HAPPY DREAM...

To Be Continued...









OK!

I'm going to open it right now and have a look!

Um...

I'm now in Akahoshi's room and in front of his closet.

YUUHEI'S...

Look in Akahoshi's Room



カチカチ KA-CHAK



It looks pretty good on me.

TESTED IT ON →



Good!

Look!

BWA HA HA HA

That guy has nothing but weird shirts.

What the-P? This shirt is such bad sense!



• I think Ga-chan will be happier with you, Akahoshi.

• You're so cool, Akahoshi!

• I love you Akahoshi!



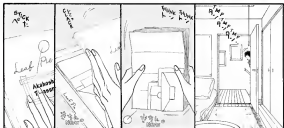
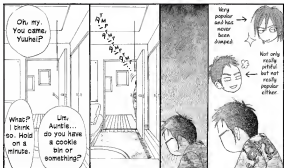
Huh?!



And there are so many, too! and

What if those are important stuff?

What's with that guy? H-How dare he just leave the readers' letters and e-mails lying around here!



I love Yuuhei the best!



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your continuous
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I've enjoyed
reading your
letters!

At long last,
who is this
girl wearing
my shirt?

Whisper...



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